[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He was not holding any court during Murajapam.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): I do not refer to court.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He might have been doing his work as District Magistrate elsewhere.

Mr. P. N. Madhavan's Case.

184. MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that Mr. P. N. Madhavan, B. A., B. L., who appeared as a pleader before the Dewan Peishkar, Trivandrum, on the 7th Vrischikam, 1099, for presenting an appeal petition which was about to become time-barred, was not permitted to "act and plead" for his client and was ordered to leave the court immediately?

(*b*) Have not the Government received copies of proceedings of public meetings held at various places, protesting against this conduct of the District Magistrate of Trivandrum?

(*c*) In view of the violation of the civic rights of a citizen, and in view of the public protest entered in respect of this matter, will the Government be pleased to institute an enquiry into the conduct of the officer concerned?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Mr. P. N. Madhavan, who went to the Utsava Madam building to see the Dewan Peishkar who was there on Murajapam duty, was requested to leave the place. The Dewan Peishkar was not holding court then.

(*b*) Government have received resolutions passed at some meetings.

(*c*) The question does not arise in the light of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): May I know for what purpose Mr. Madhavan went and saw the District Magistrate that day?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the question itself—for presenting an appeal petition.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): If that is so, was he directed by the District Magistrate to go to some other officer to seek his remedy?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, he was not directed.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): If he was not directed like that, how was he to obtain his redress?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He would have to go to the Division Assistant's office or to the Tahsildar's office.

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MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Was any instruction issued, at the time the District Magistrate was not holding court during the Murajapam as to what the parties seeking redress should do?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No instructions were issued.

Representation of Labour in Popular Bodies.

185. MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state what arrangement there is to represent the interests of labour in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, the Legislative Council and the Economic Development Board?

(*b*) If there is no arrangement, will the Government take early steps to give labour adequate representation in the institutions mentioned above?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) There is no special arrangement.

(*b*) Labour is now represented on the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and the Legislative Council. The question of providing for the representation of labour on the Economic Development Board will be considered, when the term of the present Board expires.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): May I know who represent labour in the Popular Assembly and in this Council?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): What is meant is that there are members in the Council and in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly belonging to classes from which a large volume of labour is recruited in the country and that is why it is said in part (*a*) that there is no special arrangement for the representation of labour.

Council Chamber.

186. MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the inconvenience felt by the public in the use of the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, Trivandrum, on account of the meetings of the Legislative Council being held in that hall;

(*b*) whether there is any room attached to the Legislative Council Library where the members may repair for study;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware of the difficulties experienced by the members of the Council for want of suitable accommodation during their stay in Trivandrum when the Council is in session; and

(*d*) whether they propose the construction of a Council Chamber and Library with temporary lodgings for the members within easy access of the Chamber during session?

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